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Save Lake Maurepas

A message from State Rep. Kim Coates

Lake Maurepas needs you. Time is running out.

Please join us for a very important town hall meeting to discuss the Lake Maurepas carbon capture project and what's at stake. We need YOUR VOICE now more than ever.

Where: The Lions Club, 750 E Pine Street, Ponchatoula

When: Tuesday, July 15, 2025, 6:30pm

We're calling on the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to hold a public hearing before any permits are approved. The damage this project could cause is too great to ignore.

STOP PROPOSED WORK (Permit Application #MVN-2011-03218-EDM):

Air Products is requesting authorization to excavate, clear, grade, and fill wetlands for:

- An ammonia and hydrogen production facility
- A dock
- Carbon dioxide and natural gas pipelines
- Access roads, laydown areas, and wells to inject and store CO_2 beneath Lake Maurepas

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This includes:

- 213.69 acres of wetlands and 93.71 acres of open waters temporarily impacted
- 149.34 acres of wetlands and 26.67 acres of waters of the U.S. permanently destroyed

These wetlands are our storm protection. They buffer our communities from flooding, storm surge, and hurricanes.

The state and federal government are spending millions of dollars to restore Louisiana's coastal wetlands – yet this project would turn around and destroy hundreds of acres more.

The lake is already stressed. Disturbing the lake bottom could release toxic metals and pollution.

Fishermen and families who rely on Lake Maurepas deserve a voice.

The public comment period ends July 30, but that's not enough time. We're demanding an extension and a public hearing to ensure our communities are truly heard.

Come hear the facts, ask questions, and learn how to take action. Let's stand together to protect our lake, our wetlands, and our way of life.

Hosted by Senator Bill Wheat, Rep. Nicky Muscarello, Rep. Shane Mack, and myself, Rep. Kim Coates.

Please visit www.mvn.usace.army.mil/.../mvn-2011-03218-edm/

CAJUN THUNDER

and the woman who rides the storm

By STEFANIE BROOKE
Tangi Times Community Journalist

If you ever find yourself on a winding backroad near Ponchatoula and catch a flash of chrome and color weaving through tight turns with precision and purpose, chances are you've stumbled upon the crew from Cajun Thunder Motorsports. This tight-knit team of riders – part family, part found family – trains together, competes together, and pushes each other to get better with every ride. Among them is Amanda Fairbanks, one of the team's dedicated members, who brings her own spark to the group's shared passion for skill-based riding and community-building.

Believe it or not, this whole adventure began not with a lifelong obsession with motorcycles, but with a quick stop at a Harley shop "just for fun." Amanda's dad Mike was joking around with her mom, pretending to window-shop. Minutes later, they left with a brand-new red Harley and no riding experience.

Courtesy photo

"From there," Amanda laughs, "we just kind of fell in love with it." What started as driveway lessons with her dad acting as the red light, green light, and stop sign evolved into weekend rides, formal training, and eventually, full-on competition riding. By 2019, Amanda had her motorcycle endorsement, and by 2021, she was sweeping the podium at her very first competition in Daytona Beach.

Cajun Thunder isn't just Amanda's nickname for her bike crew – it's a full-blown motorsports family. The concrete training pad behind her parents' house (originally her dad's man cave) is now home base for team practices, instructional demos, and the occasional Star Wars-themed strategy session in what used to be their trophy room. These days, the space is equal parts motorcycle shop, skills course, and clubhouse.

Much of Cajun Thunder's growth and impact comes down to the tireless dedication of Amanda's father, Mike, who has poured time, energy, and resources into building and maintaining the team's training facility. Known as the team's quiet backbone and biggest encourager, he's opened up the space – and often his own equipment – to others in the motorcycle community, helping countless riders practice and improve their skills, mostly free of charge.

His behind-the-scenes work has not only made the team's success possible, but also created a welcoming space where riders of all levels feel supported. Amanda

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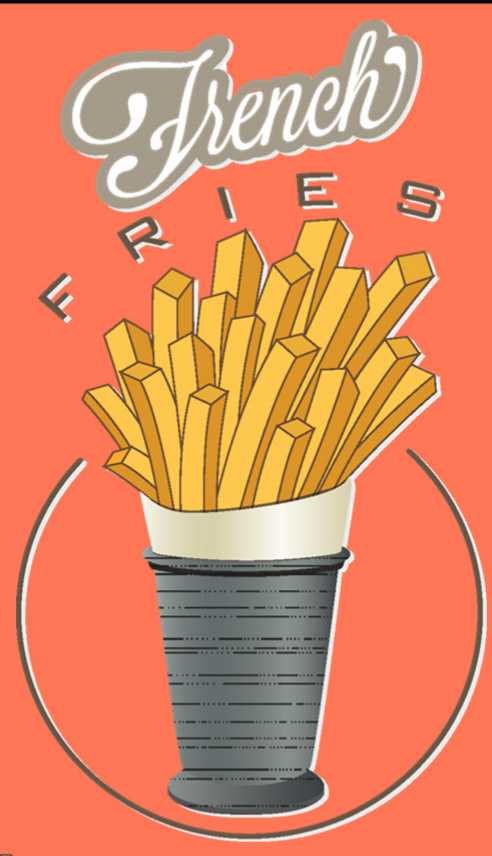
Today is National French Fry Day!



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Weekend Weather

Saturday 7/12	Sunday 7/13
91 24%	91 24%
74 9%	73 15%

From The Tangi Times Weekend Weather Team

Bob Brick

Margaret Oar

meme WARRIOR

Rolled over for a cuddle.
Forgot I'm single.

Fell off the bed.

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movie quote Challenge

Can you cite the movie that featured this memorable quote? Email the answer to publisher@tangitimes.com.

"How 'bout a nice greasy pork sandwich served in a dirty ashtray?"

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Congratulations to George Peterson for being the first to correctly identify last week's challenge from Ferris Bueller's Day Off!

FREE Gun Safety Classes for Kids

July 16 & August 6

The Events Building at Ponchatoula Recreation Park

5:30-6:00pm gun safety presentation
6:00-6:30pm inflatables/activities

Instructor: TPSO Lieutenant
Don Alexander

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Lieutenant Don Alexander thanks PARD and Christa Stewart for coordinating this successful event.

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Town of Kentwood Backpack Giveaway

Each year, the Town of Kentwood sponsors a school supplies and backpack giveaway to help parents get their children ready for another school year. The Town of Kentwood is thankful to Smitty's Supply, the many other businesses and individuals who donated to the cause.

Pictured (from left to right) are Mayor Irma Gordon receiving the check from Mrs. Ann Smith, who delivered the check to City Hall.

WHAT'S HAPPENING!! in Tangi

Wednesday July 9
5:30-6:30pm
TPSO Gun Safety Presentation (PreK – 5th grade only)
PARD
19030 Ponchatoula Park Dr., Ponchatoula
See ad in this issue for registration info

Thursday July 10
6:30 pm
Wine Bingo
Crescent Lounge
120 W. Pine St., Ponchatoula

Thursday July 10
5:30p-6:30p
Chamber After Hours
Ponchatoula Rotary
200 W Beech St., Ponchatoula

Tuesday July 15
7 pm
Music Trivia Night
Chiefs Pub on Pine
165 W. Pine St., Ponchatoula

Saturday July 19
12-5 pm
Christmas in July
Downtown Ponchatoula

Saturday July 19
11 am – 1 pm
Back 2 School Bash
PARD
19030 Ponchatoula Park Dr., Ponchatoula

Sunday July 20
2 pm
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Safety Tip of the Day

Home Safety Tip

Do not open the door for anyone you don't know. It doesn't matter if they claim to be a delivery driver or utility worker, etc..... don't do it.

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Letter to the Editor

Lake Maurepas Is Not a Dumping Ground for Carbon Pollution

By John Barnes
Ponchatoula, Louisiana

Lake Maurepas is more than just a body of water. It's a living, breathing part of our Louisiana heritage — a sanctuary for wildlife, a refuge for generations of fishermen and boaters, and a symbol of our deep connection to the wetlands that define our region. Now, it's under serious threat to corporate greed and millions of tons of carbon dioxide.

Air Products, a multinational corporation based in Pennsylvania, wants to inject millions of tons of carbon dioxide deep beneath Lake Maurepas as part of a so-called "clean energy" project. But let's be clear: there is nothing clean about using our lake as a carbon dumping ground.

Carbon sequestration — the practice of capturing CO_2 emissions and injecting them underground — is risky, unproven at this scale, and entirely unnecessary in a fragile wetland ecosystem like ours. It's the industry's latest PR stunt: claiming climate leadership and responsible stewardship while continuing business as usual. And if this project is approved, Louisiana will once again become the dumping ground for corporate gain GREED and our LOSS.

Let's talk about what's really at stake.

THE ENVIRONMENTAL RISK IS STAGGERING. Lake Maurepas is a shallow, sediment-rich estuary surrounded by cypress swamps, nesting birds, fish nurseries, and endangered species. This ecosystem has already suffered from saltwater intrusion, hurricane damage, and decades of industrial encroachment. Injecting high-pressure carbon dioxide beneath it could fracture delicate rock formations, contaminate groundwater, or even trigger seismic activity. Once the CO_2 is underground, there's no going back if something goes wrong.

At a time when the State of Louisiana and Plaquemines Parish just successfully sued the Oil and Gas industry for their negligence and responsible destruction of thousands of square miles to the fragile ecosystems over the years, how can the State of Louisiana operate under this hypocrisy and consider Lake Maurepas any less significant?

• Legacy Lawsuits: The State of Louisiana has shown support for "legacy lawsuits" against oil and gas companies regarding alleged environmental damage, notably joining Plaquemines Parish in an appeal against Chevron in a coastal damage case

• Hypocrisy: The State of Louisiana has accused the oil and gas industry of "hypocrisy" for complaining about Louisiana's litigation environment while simultaneously seeking state support for carbon capture projects. Who is the hypocrite now? The State of Louisiana is doing the same thing. Let's market ourselves as environmental stewards, go after the root cause parties in courts for years and for hundreds of millions of dollars, BUT let's subject Lake Maurepas ecosystem to the same liability and risks.

THE PROJECT OFFERS NOTHING TO THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE HERE AND MAKE THEIR LIFE HERE.

Air Products stands to receive billions in federal tax credits — all while offering no guaranteed jobs, no local reinvestment, and no long-term benefit to our parishes. Meanwhile, residents get locked out of public waters[1], face higher insurance premiums, and shoulder the environmental risk for generations to come.

And let's not forget the way this project has been rolled out. Community meetings have been sparse and poorly advertised. Initial and continual regulatory processes have been rushed in the cloak of darkness and have been opaque. Local voices — especially those of Indigenous communities and people who rely on the lake — have been ignored or sidelined.

THIS IS NOT CLIMATE ACTION. IT'S A COVER-UP. LITERALLY.

Real climate leadership and meaningful stewardship means investing in clean energy that doesn't come with strings attached. Pumping CO_2 underground is a desperate move to prop up the fossil fuel economy, not a path to long-term sustainability. Why is the state spending 10s of millions of dollars to preserve and restore our ecosystem and then on the other hand allow this type of ecosystem destruction?

Air Products claims to be environmental stewards since 1940[2]:

"Founded in 1940, Air Products has a proud history of innovation, operational excellence, and an unwavering commitment to safety and environmental stewardship. Working together, we are taking our passion and diverse backgrounds forward to reimagine what's possible and generate a cleaner future for our customers, our communities and the world."

Translation: "Air Products has a history of engaging in large-scale, unproven environmental projects with no regard to surrounding communities or environment. While we attempt to maintain our corporate "good neighbor" image, we generate a cleaner future by dumping and concealing our waste under your backyard."

Additionally, Air Products purchases political influences and decisions for their interest without regard to ours[3]. The proverbial "Follow the money."

LAKE MAUREPAS MUST BE A LINE IN THE SAND. WE MUST SAY: ENOUGH!

Enough of treating Louisiana as a sacrifice zone.

Enough of sidelining the communities who live closest to the land and water.

Enough of the false promises from corporations who want to use our state to clean up their image while defiling ours as their corporate landfill.

We have a right to clean water, access to public waterways, safe ecosystems, and a voice in decisions that affect our lives. We owe it to our children, to the wildlife that can't speak for itself, and to the generations who have relied on these waters and the generations to come.

I invite you all to join us in a town hall meeting to unify our voices to the state and to Air Products:

Ponchatoula Lions Club – 750 E Pine St

Tuesday, July 15, 2025 – 6:30PM

LET'S PROTECT LAKE MAUREPAS — NOT BURY IT UNDER A BLANKET OF CORPORATE CARBON AND GREED. LET'S PRESERVE OUR LAKE MAUREPAS AND OUR HERITAGE AND STOP THE INDUSTRIAL EXPANSION OF LOUISIANA'S CANCER ALLEY ENCROACHMENT ON OUR LIVES.

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1 La R.S. 30:127.G - Any contract entered into for the lease of state lands for any purpose shall require that access by the public to public waterways through the state lands covered by the lease shall be maintained and preserved for the public by the lessee. The provisions of this Section shall not prohibit the secretary of the agency having control over the property from restricting access to public waterways if he determines that a danger to the public welfare exists. The provisions of this Section shall not apply in cases involving title disputes.

2 Welcome to Air Products - https://www.airproducts.com/company

3 Air Products Policy on Political Contributions and Expenditures - For Lobbying, Gifts and Travel for Government Officials - https://www.airproducts.com/company/governance/commitment-to-ethical-business/political-contributions

Tangi Gumbo

A little bit of everything you need to know

The I-55 Northbound and Southbound right/outside shoulders will have a moving operation from US 51 Overpass (Exit 23) to the Laplace Exit (Exit 1) beginning at 6am through 7pm, daily, on Saturday, July 12, 2025, and Sunday, July 13, 2025, weather permitting, for tree trimming operations. Both lanes will remain open to traffic in each direction—no restrictions on oversized loads. Motorists may use the US 51 Service Rd. (Low Rd.) to avoid the work zone.

Tangipahoa Parish Government, along with Louisiana's Regional Planning Commission and Department of Transportation and Development, will hold a public open house on Thursday, July 10, 2025, from 6:00 to 8:00pm at the Clausen Large Conference Room in Hammond to discuss plans for a new roundabout at the intersection of E. Minnesota Park and Range Road. The project aims to reduce traffic congestion in the area. Attendees can review project plans, speak with the project team, and provide feedback. Residents, business owners, and stakeholders are encouraged to participate and share their input.

Beginning Monday night, the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development launched a nearly $2 million road improvement project on LA 22 between Olde Mill Lane and Howes Lane, just east of Ponchatoula. The work—consisting of grading, milling, patching, and overlay—is scheduled to take place overnight from 7pm to 6am through Friday, October 24, weather permitting. Oversized vehicles will be limited to twelve feet in width in the construction zone. Motorists are advised to use designated detour routes via US 51B, I-12, and LA 445 to bypass the area. DOTD urges drivers to exercise caution, watch for crews and equipment, and thanks the public for its patience during the project.

Following an outpouring of public tips, the Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff's Office has identified and arrested 52-year-old Donald Ray Vicknair, Jr. on one count of Felony Theft. Vicknair is accused of stealing over $1,500 worth of equipment—including chainsaws

(See TANGI GUMBO Page 5)

POS (Person of Suspicion) OF THE WEEK

POS Donald Ray Vicknair, Jr.

No, that's not Vladimir Putin who was just arrested by TPSO. That's our most recently awarded POS of the Week, Donald Ray Vicknair, Jr. The 52-year-old was arrested today on one count of Felony Theft.
On June 20, POS Vicknair entered the Tractor Supply Store in the 12000 block of Highway 190 in Hammond around 11:00 a.m. The suspect filled a shopping cart with more than $1500 in equipment, including chainsaws and hedge trimmers, and left the store without paying for the items. Thanks to tips from the community, this POS was quickly identified and subsequently cuffed and stuffed. Putin can stop worrying now.

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TOWN OF INDEPENDENCE

Town of Independence
Special Meeting
June 17, 2025
6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER.
Roll call was read by Town Clerk, Julie Peterson.

Present was Larry Cardaronella, Joe Galofaro, Eric Costa, Mike Muscarello. Quorum was present.

Prayer was led by Larry Cardaronella.

Pledge was led by Luke Suarez.

Public Input: None.

Mayor Paine asked for a motion to amend the agenda to a proclamation to call a special election due to resignation of Aldermen Luciano "Luke" Suarez Mayor Pro-Tem. A motion was made by Eric Costa, seconded by Joe Galofaro to amend the agenda to add the proclamation. Voting to approve amending the agenda was as follows:
YEAS: Larry Cardaronella, Joe Galofaro, Eric Costa, Mike Muscarello
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAINED: None
Motion to amend the agenda to include proclamation to call a special election due to resignation of Luciano "Luke" Suarez was passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Luke Suarez read a statement to the board regarding his 9 years serving as an Aldermen for the Town of Independence. He thanked Mayor Paine and all the town workers for the help they have given him. He informed the board that the reason for resigning as Aldermen was due to his decision to take a position with the Independence Police Department. He thanked his wife and family for their support during this transition.

b. The vacancy on the Board of Aldermen due to the resignation of Luke Suarez was discussed. Mayor Paine recommended Ms. Gaye Guzzardo to fill the vacant seat. A motion was made by Larry Cardaronella and seconded by Eric Costa to appoint Ms. Gaye Guzzardo as alderwoman. There will be an election held in April 2026 to fill the rest of the term.
Voting to approve was as follows:
YEAS: Larry Cardaronella, Joe Galofaro, Eric Costa, Mike Muscarello
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAINED: None
Motion to appoint Ms. Gaye Guzzardo as alderwoman was passed unanimously.

c. The subject of appointing the new Mayor Pro-Tem was discussed. A motion was made by Eric Costa and seconded by Mike Muscarello to appoint Larry Cardaronella as Mayor Pro-Tem. Voting to approve was as follows:
YEAS: Larry Cardaronella, Joe Galofaro, Eric Costa, Mike Muscarello
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAINED: None
Motion to appoint Larry Cardaronella was Mayor Pro-Tem passed unanimously.

d. The Proclamation calling an election to fill the vacant seat on the Board of Aldermen was read aloud by Town Clerk Julie Peterson.

e. Ordinance #2025-1127 which is the amended budget FYE June 30, 2025 and the proposed budget FYE June 30, 2026 was discussed. A motion was made by Eric Costa, seconded by Joe Galofaro to adopt Ordinance #2025-1127.
Voting to approve was as follows:
YEAS: Larry Cardaronella, Joe Galofaro, Eric Costa, Mike Muscarello
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAINED: None
Motion to approve Ordinance #2025-1127 (Amended Budget FYE June 30, 2025 and Proposed Budget FYE June 30, 2026) was passed unanimously

REMARKS:
Mike Muscarello: None

Larry Cardaronella: Thanked Luke Suarez for his leadership and ideas. He told him that the prayer for the meeting was inspired by Luke. Thanked Robin Dagro for all her years of service to the town.

Eric Costa: Welcomed Ms. Gaye Guzzardo to the board. Thanked Robin Dagro for her years working for the town. Thanked Luke Suarez for his service as a board member. He offered his congratulations to Larry Cardaronella as the new Mayor Pro-Tem.

Joe Galofaro: Told Luke Suarez he hated to see him leave the board.

Mayor Paine: Told Luke Suarez he will miss him on the board but is glad they will still get to work together for the town. Told Robin Dagro he will miss working with her.

Police: Chief Edwards stated that he is happy to be getting a police officer that he knows.

Fire: Absent

Jim Paine, Mayor
Julie Peterson, Town Clerk
Publish: July 11 Cost of notice:$ 55.65

TOWN OF INDEPENDENCE
DELINQUENT TAX LIST

TOWN OF INDEPENDENCE VS. DELINQUENT TAX DEBTORS

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ANZALONE ANTHONY S TRUST & CLAUDIUS KESSLER & KEI 646 EAST RAILROAD AVE, INDEPENDENCE, LA TOTAL DUE IS: $540.18 3.36AIN SEC 4 T5SR7E B726 P681-683 B818 P45 ACQ 2019 PAR TAX B1546 P88 ACQ 20 PAR TAX B1579 P497**SOLD G SMITH 2018 CITY TAX 1519/280 SOLD 2020 CITY TAX 1586/265 SOLD 2021 CITY TAX 1623/552 SOLD 2022 CITY TAX 1658/794**

842206
ANZALONE RICHARD ETAL & WATTS INDUSTRIES & DIMETI ., INDEPENDENCE, LA 70443 TOTAL DUE IS: $395.02 11.81 IN SEC 3 & 4 T5SR7E INDEP B145 P96-145 B726 P681-683 B1021 P41 B1025 P807 ACQ 22 PAR TAX B1650 P810 ACQ 23 TAX B1689 P824 **SOLD 2020 CITY TAX 1586/269 SOLD 2021 CITY TAX 1623/540 SOLD 2022 CITY TAX 1658/802**

843202
BAHAM PRESTON A 175 CHARLES ANZALONE AVE, INDEPENDENCE, LA 70443 TOTAL DUE IS: $488.57 LOTS 1 AND 2 SUB BLK 23 INDEPENDENCE LA B195 P305 B341 P228 1519/252 1642/686

879800
BRUMFIELD BENNY L EST & DIMETIROUS CAMPBELL JR 392 HIGHWAY 40 EAST ., INDEPENDENCE, LA TOTAL DUE IS: $412.18 1.07 IN SE1/4 OF SW1/4 OF SEC 4 T5SR7E INDY B217 P541 B224 P663 B232 P71 B831 P169 B1258 P504 ACQ 23 TAX B1689 P828**SOLD MILLVILLE 2019 CITY TAX 1550/474 SOLD 2023 PAR TAX 1683/612**

894109
BRUMFIELD BENNY L EST & M RICHARDSON ENTERPRISES 392 HIGHWAY 40 WEST ., INDEPENDENCE, LA TOTAL DUE IS: $396.76 1.00 IN SE1/4 OF SW1/4 OF SEC 4 T5SR7E B259 P12 INDEP B828 P290 ACQ 23 PAR TAX B1683 P587ACQ23 CITY TAX B1689 P830 **SOLD J ARD 2019 CITY TAX 1550/476**

878308
CHESTER, LATRICIA OAK STREET ., INDEPENDENCE, LA TOTAL DUE IS: $400.39 LOT MEAS 50 FT ON OAK ST BY A DEPTH JOINING E LINE OF ALEX BROWN PROP INDEP B406 P61 B574 P514 B605 P53 B660 P747 B799 P472 B800 P798 B808 P568 B1588 P514-517

870900
CHESTER, LILLIE M EST 189 OAK STREET ., INDEPENDENCE, LA TOTAL DUE IS: $458.82 LOT 36 AND S 50 FT OF LOT 40 SQ 6 INDEP LA MEAS 50 X 200 FT B185 P247 B569 P204 B711 P433 B766 P371

860905
CREATIVE HOME OPTIONS LLC & AISEK STRATEGIES LLC 212 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR ST, INDEPENDENCE, LA 70443 TOTAL DUE IS: $469.47 LOT MEAS 60 X 100 FT IN SQ 11 INDEPENDENCE B460 P520 B872 P758 B884 P599 B895 P496 B976 P85 B1052 P192 B1516 P530 B1517 P590 B1516 P533 B1606 P552 B1612 P878 B1656 P293 ACQ 23 TAX B1689 P826

913618
HARSATGUR LLC 12392 HWY 40, INDEPENDENCE, LA 70466 TOTAL DUE IS: $728.96 1.00A M/L IN SEC 5 T5SR7E B348 P5 B347 P525 B611 P489 B613 P447 B655 P682-810 B656 P421 B759 P382 B1101 P625 B1122 P284 B1232 P67- 70-73-77-473 B1297 P219 B1398 P846 B1399 P372 B1670 P382 MAP 759/386 1232/65

6380638
HARSATGUR LLC HWY 40, INDEPENDENCE, LA TOTAL DUE IS: $615.25 1.89A IN SEC 5 T5SR7E B1319 P389 B1383 P545-547 B1670 P382 MAP 759/386 1232/65

6290078
HEBERT, JOSHUA L 336 GLENDALE DRIVE ., INDEPENDENCE, LA TOTAL DUE IS: $573.58 0.30A BEING LOT 12 OF GLENDALE SUB IN SEC 9 T5SR7E B286 P418 B303 P221 B948 P229 B1133 P431 B1158 P423 B1164 P555 B1586 P471 MAP 730/486 1158/423 1160/587

842702
PINGNO ASHLEY R 111 VACARRO ROAD, INDEPENDENCE, LA TOTAL DUE IS: $556.87 LOTS 43-44-45 FRTG 132 FT ON SCHOOL ST BY A DEPTH OF 150 FT BPL ON 6TH ST IN SQ 39 TOWN OF INDEP B284 P59-61 B300 P525 P286-287 B601 P597 B1243 P578 B1281 P877 B1364 P733

846104
RANDOLPH CECELIA D ET AL C/O ELIZABETH DUHE HIGHWAY 40 WEST, INDEPENDENCE, LA TOTAL DUE IS: $414.66 0.19A IN SEC 4 T5SR7E B522 P618 B522 P620 B655 P413 MAP 655/414

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TPSB

BOARD AGENDA - Jun 17 2025 Minutes
Tuesday, June 17, 2025 at 6:00 PM
Central Office Board Room, 59656 Puleston Road, Amite, LA 70422
OPENING ITEMS

Roll Call
Pledge of Allegiance (All veterans and active military, please render the proper salute)
Mr. Joey Piazza led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consider approval of Board minutes of June 3, 2025 Motion to approve.

Moved by: Joey Piazza
Seconded by: Glenn Westmoreland

Yea Robin Abrams, Trent Anthony, Rose Dominguez, Brett Duncan, Jerry Moore, Joey Piazza, Janice Richards, Tom Tolar, and Glenn Westmoreland
Motion Carries 9-0

FINANCIAL UPDATES

Discuss the YTD budget to Actual comparison Schedule ending April 2025 - Jeff McKneely

Mr. Jeff McKneely, Chief Financial Officer, presented the Comparison Schedule to the Board.

Update on Sales Tax - Jeff McKneely

Mr. McKneely reported for May 2025 Sales Tax was up by 2.87% and EFID Sales Tax was up by 1.19%.
Discuss the Accounts Payable/Check Register for April 1, 2025 to April 30, 2025 in the amount of $19,320,965.08 - Jeff McKneely

Mr. McKneely presented the Check Register to the Board for any questions.
Motion to approve Louisiana School Equipment for the Hammond High Magnet School Football Lockers for an amount $133,450.00, pending Court approval
Moved by: Brett Duncan
Seconded by: Glenn Westmoreland

Yea Robin Abrams, Trent Anthony, Rose Dominguez, Brett Duncan, Jerry Moore, Joey Piazza, Janice Richards, Tom Tolar, and Glenn Westmoreland
Motion Carries 9-0
Motion to waive the rules to add an item to approve the Administration's recommendation for Hammond High Magnet School's Football Lockers
Moved by: Brett Duncan
Seconded by: Glenn Westmoreland

Yea Robin Abrams, Trent Anthony, Rose Dominguez, Brett Duncan, Jerry Moore, Joey
Piazza, Janice Richards, Tom Tolar, and Glenn Westmoreland
Motion Carries 9-0

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Capital Outlay Committee of the Whole - June 3, 2025

Motion to approve.
Moved by: Joey Piazza
Seconded by: Glenn Westmoreland

Yea Robin Abrams, Trent Anthony, Rose Dominguez, Brett Duncan, Jerry Moore, Joey Piazza, Janice Richards, Tom Tolar, and Glenn Westmoreland
Motion Carries 9-0
(The official adopted minutes have been placed in the Board Minute Archives and/or for viewing on the TPSS website: https://tangischools.community.highbond.com/Portal/)
Personnel Committee - June 3, 2025

Motion to approve.
Moved by: Trent Anthony
Seconded by: Glenn Westmoreland

Yea Robin Abrams, Trent Anthony, Rose Dominguez, Brett Duncan, Jerry Moore, Joey Piazza, Janice Richards, Tom Tolar, and Glenn Westmoreland
Motion Carries 9-0
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Policy Committee of the Whole - June 3, 2025
Motion to approve.
Moved by: Joey Piazza
Seconded by: Glenn Westmoreland

Yea Robin Abrams, Trent Anthony, Rose Dominguez, Brett Duncan, Jerry Moore, Joey Piazza, Janice Richards, Tom Tolar, and Glenn Westmoreland
Motion Carries 9-0
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BOARD ACTIONS

A. Consider approval of the resolution adopting the 2024-25 Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire as a required part of the Tangipahoa Parish School System's Annual Financial and Compliance Audit - Jeff McKneely
Motion to approve.
Moved by: Rose Dominguez
Seconded by: Joey Piazza

Yea Robin Abrams, Trent Anthony, Rose Dominguez, Brett Duncan, Jerry Moore, Joey Piazza, Tom Tolar, Janice Richards, and Glenn Westmoreland
Motion Carries 9-0
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SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATION

A. General Updates
Superintendent Melissa Stilley recognized Mr. Gary Porter as the newly appointed Assistant Superintendent of Innovation. She stated that the Executive Team is excited and happy to work with him. She also recognized Dr. Cathy Hoffman, the
newly appointed principal of Champ Cooper Elementary School.
Mr. Porter thanked Superintendent Stilley, the Board, and everyone in the District for their support and is looking forward to working with everyone.

PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

A. Board Member Comments
Mr. Piazza wished his son a Happy Birthday.
Mr. Anthony congratulated all the teachers for a successful year and Mr. Porter on his new position.
Mr. Tolar congratulated Ms. Jenna Vial as the new assistant principal at Spring Creek Elementary School. He notified everyone that the next scheduled Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 8, 2025.

LITIGATION

Consider approval to enter into Executive Session to hear the matter of Teresa Sheridan vs TPSB - Tom Tolar
This item was pulled from the agenda. Motion to approve.

Carried

Consider the case of Teresa Sheridan vs. TPSB, TANG 23000051 - John Rabalais
Motion to
Carried

PUBLIC INPUT
There was no Public Input

Adjournment
A. Adjourn Meeting
There being no other business, the meeting adjourned. (6:52 PM)

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Tom Tolar, President
Melissa M. Stilley, Secretary- Treasurer
Publish: July 11 Cost of notice:$ 76.00

TPSS

NOTICE
DEADLINE: JULY 17, 2025
The Tangipahoa Parish School System (TPSS) is now accepting applications for the following:

POSITION: Account Clerk (12 Months)

SALARY: $28,677 - $47,647 (Based on verified years of relevant experience and certification or degree)

LOCATION: Maintenance Department
Amite, LA

CRITERIA: Must have the following requirements:
High School Diploma or Equivalency Certificate (GED);
Associate's Degree in Office Administration or related coursework at a State Approved Vocational School or State Approved Business School; or
Bachelor's Degree or higher in Business Administration
A valid Louisiana Driver's License;
A minimum of three (3) years of experience in ordering and procurement of repair parts;
Be knowledgeable of the latest technology in relation to Novar and Honeywell monitoring systems for equipment and property maintenance;
Understand blueprints, schematics and sequential flowcharts;
Knowledge of different types of measurement across the skilled trades to effectively order items for the Maintenance Department;
Technical Customer Service.

Applications for this position will only be accepted through the Frontline Recruit and Hire website (https://www.applitrack.com/Tangischools/onlineapp). Paper applications and/or email scanned attachment(s) will not be accepted or processed for consideration.

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DATE ADVERTISEMENT POSTED:
JULY 8, 2025
Publish: July 11,14 & 16 Cost of notice:$ 24.50

NOTICE
DEADLINE: July 11, 2025
The Tangipahoa Parish School System (TPSS) is now accepting applications for the following:

POSITION: AGRICULTURE TEACHER (12 Months)
SALARY: $64,012 - $92,023 (Based on degree and verified years of relevant experience)
LOCATION:Loranger High School
Loranger, LA

CRITERIA: Possess a Standard Louisiana Teaching Certificate with a certification area of Agriculture grades 6-12 as listed in Bulletin 746 – Louisiana Standards for State Certification of School Personnel.

Applications for this position will only be accepted through the Frontline Recruit and Hire website (24TUhttps://www.applitrack.com/Tangischools/onlineapp/U24T). Paper applications and/or email scanned attachment(s) will not be accepted or processed for consideration.

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July 2, 2025

Publish: July 4,7, 9 & 11 Cost of notice:$24.50

NOTICE
DEADLINE: JULY 17, 2025
The Tangipahoa Parish School System (TPSS) is now accepting applications for the following:

POSITION: SCHOOL SECRETARY (10 Months)

SALARY: $24,714 - $33,812 (Based on verified years of relevant experience, degree and level of certification)

LOCATION: Jewel M. Sumner High School Kentwood, LA

CRITERIA: Must have one of the following requirements:
High School Diploma, Equivalency Certificate and at least two (2) years of experience in accounting or bookkeeping.
Successful completion of coursework leading to an Associate's Degree in Office Administration, or successfully completed coursework at a State Approved Vocational School or State Approve Business School.
A Bachelors' degree or higher will be accepted in lieu of the above requirements.
Diplomas, certificates, and other supporting documentation must be submitted with the application.

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Publish: July 11,14 & 16 Cost of notice:$20.00

NOTICE
DEADLINE: JULY 24, 2025
The Tangipahoa Parish School System (TPSS) is now accepting applications for the following:
POSITION: Assistant Principal (9.75 Months)

SALARY: $55,212 - $79,372
Based on degree and verified years of relevant experience

LOCATION: Woodland Park Magnet School
Hammond, LA

CRITERIA: Must have on or before the advertised deadline, a valid Louisiana teaching certificate with one or more of the following credentials:
Valid Type A or Level 3 Louisiana Teaching Certificate with certification as Principal; OR
Educational Leader Level 1 or Level 2; OR
Educational Leader Eligibility letter issued from the Louisiana Department of Education; OR
Out of State Principal certificate, Level 1 (OSP1) or Level 2 (OSP2); OR
Out of State (OSP1 or OSP2) Principal Eligibility letter issued from the Louisiana Department of Education
UPDATED diplomas, certificates, and other supporting documentation must be submitted with the application.

A rubric will be used to evaluate your application, so please be sure to submit all required information.

Applications for this position will only be accepted through the Frontline Recruit and Hire website: www.applitrack.com/Tangischools/onlineapp/. Paper applications and/or email scanned attachment(s) will not be accepted or processed for consideration.

Submit your application through the Frontline Recruit and Hire portal before the deadline of **July 24, 2025,** even if a previous paper application is on file with TPSS Human Resources. Previous paper or email applications will not be considered.

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JULY 10, 2025

Publish: July 11,14,16, 18, 21 & 23
Cost of notice: $ 24.50

NOTICE
DEADLINE: JULY 19, 2025
The Tangipahoa Parish School System (TPSS) is now accepting applications for the following:

POSITION: CAFETERIA MANAGER – CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAM (9 ½ Months)
SALARY: $34,122 - $48,282 (Based on verified years of relevant experience)
LOCATION: Loranger Elementary School
Loranger, LA

CRITERIA: Must have the following:
High school diploma or GED (General Equivalency Diploma);
Minimum of three (3) years' experience in the Child Nutrition Program with one year serving as a Production Manager;
Enrolled in Manager's Certification Program. Completion of training program preferred.

Applications for this position will only be accepted through the Frontline Recruit and Hire website: 24TUUhttps://www.applitrack.com/Tangischools/onlineapp/UU24T24T. Paper applications and/or email scanned attachment(s) will not be accepted or processed for consideration.
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NOTICE
DEADLINE: JULY 19, 2025
The Tangipahoa Parish School System (TPSS) is now accepting applications for the following:
POSITION: CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAM BILLING CLERK / CASHIER (9 Months)
SALARY: $21,448 - $29,346 (Based on verified years of relevant experience)
LOCATION: Woodland Park Magnet School
Hammond, LA

CRITERIA: Must have the following:
• High School Diploma or Equivalency Certificate;
• Minimum of two (2) years' experience as a Billing Clerk/Cashier;
• Enrolled in manager's Certification program. Completion of training program preferred.

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LOCATION: Loranger Elementary School
Loranger, LA

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SALARY: $21,448 - $29,346 (Based on verified years of relevant experience)
LOCATION: Hammond Eastside Magnet - Lower
Hammond, LA

CRITERIA: Must have the following:
• High School Diploma or Equivalency Certificate;
• Minimum of two (2) years' experience as a Billing Clerk/Cashier;
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POSITION: PRODUCTION MANAGER – CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAM (9 Months)
SALARY: $23,611 - $32,737 (Based on verified years of relevant experience)
LOCATION: Hammond High Magnet School
Hammond, LA

CRITERIA: Must have the following:
• High school diploma or GED (General Equivalency Diploma);
• Minimum of one (1) year of experience as a permanent, full-time employee in the Child Nutrition Program;
• Enrolled in Manager's Certification Program. Completion of training program preferred.

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POSITION: PRODUCTION MANAGER – CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAM (9 Months)
SALARY: $23,611 - $32,737 (Based on verified years of relevant experience)
LOCATION: Martha Vinyard Elementary School
Ponchatoula, LA

CRITERIA: Must have the following:
• High school diploma or GED (General Equivalency Diploma);
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TANGIPAHOA PARISH COUNCIL
PUBLIC NOTICE
Is Hereby Given That The Tangipahoa Parish Council Will Meet In Regular Session on Monday, July 14, 2025, at 5:30PM at the Tangipahoa Parish Gordon A Burgess Governmental Building, 206 East Mulberry Street, Amite, Louisiana, contact number (985)748-3211.
The meeting agenda will be posted outside the meeting location and posted online at www.tangipahoa.org
on Thursday prior to the meeting date.
Publish: July 11 Cost of notice:$ 5.00

Village of Tangi

A special public meeting was held at the Village of Tangipahoa City Hall located at 12616 Jackson Street, Tangipahoa, LA 70465 on June 16, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. Alderwoman Pamela Bean and Alderman Willis Smith are present; Alderman Rodriguez is absent. Mr. Timmy Lemoine from the Louisiana Rural Water Association conducted a rate study of water and sewer. Mr. Timmy encourages the board to increase the water and sewer rates. There were several comments from the citizens about the increase during public input. Upon motion by Alderman Smith and second by Alderwoman Bean, the meeting is adjourned at 6:12 pm.
Submitted By,
Allicie Briggs, Municipal Village Clerk

A public meeting was held at the Village of Tangipahoa City Hall located at 12616 Jackson Street, Tangipahoa, LA 70465 on June 17, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. Alderwoman Pamela Bean, Alderman Willis Smith, and Alderman Rodriguez are present. Mr. Phil is absent from the amending budget for 2024-2025 and to present the proposed budget for 2025-2026. Upon motion by Alderwoman Bean and seconded by Alderman Smith, the minutes for May 12, 2025, are approved and will be sent to our local journal for publication. Mayor Gray informed the board that the Village has serious sewer issues at the oxidation pond and the main lift station. Mayor Gray presented a resolution for emergency LGAP Funding. There are no public comments for the resolution. Upon motion by Alderwoman Bean and seconded by Alderman Smith the motion is carried. Eslam Odeh is requesting that his property, which is outside the Village of Tangipahoa Corporation Limits, be annexed into the Village of Tangipahoa Corporation Limits. After much discussion about the current conditions of the property, Alderwoman Bean asked Mr. Odeh to refrain from moving additional junk cars on the property that is within the city limits per the Blighted Property Ordinance. Alderwoman Bean motion to postpone the request for the annexation until Mr. Odeh brings proof of ownership of the property. Alderman Smith seconded the motion, which was carried. There is no public input before the vote. Chief Martin states he has no updates for the Tangipahoa Police Department. Alderwoman Bean discussed with the board the long-term effects of renters leaving outstanding balances. Mayor Gray informed the board that it is on her list of items to get the landlords to be responsible for those balances. Upon motion by Alderman Smith and second by Alderwoman Bean, the Village's official journal will be the Tangi Times for fiscal year 2025-2026. During public comments, Mr. Rickey Coleman states that it is a good suggestion to let the landlords be held accountable for the tenant's utility bills. It has been an ongoing issue in our community for a long time. Ms. Tracey Cook offers condolences to Mayor Gray regarding the loss of her brother. Ms. Margaret Alexander states she doesn't have an issue with the increases in water and sewer rates. Mayor Gray continues to inform the board of the ongoing sewer issues and the financial burdens on the Village. Upon the motion of Alderman Smith and seconded by Alderwoman Bean, the meeting is adjourned at 7:52 p.m.
Humbly Submitted,
Allicie Briggs, Municipal Village Clerk

A special public meeting was held at the Village of Tangipahoa City Hall located at 12616 Jackson Street, Tangipahoa, LA 70465 on June 25, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. Alderwoman Pamela Bean, Alderman Willis Smith, and Alderman Rodriguez are present. Mr. Phil presented the amended budget for 2024-2025 and the proposed budget for 2025-2026. Upon motion by Alderwoman Bean and seconded by Alderman Smith, the motion is carried to amend the 2024-2025 budget. After much discussion on the proposed budget for fiscal year 2025-2026, Alderman Smith motion to accept the budget, and Alderman Rodriguez seconded the motion, which was carried. There is no public to participate in public comments before the votes. The meeting is adjourned at 6:31 p.m.
Submitted By,
Allicie Briggs, Municipal Village Clerk
Publish: July 11 Cost of notice:$41.48

Louis Fajoni Photo Exhibit at the Amite Library

Louis A. Fajoni was born in Palermo, Sicily, October 9, 1894. He left Palermo at 9 years old on September 23, 1903, on a vessel "Manilla," coming to the United States, traveling with his father Peter, mother Jane and younger sister Antonia, who was 2. The trip took 20 days, and they settled in Amite City, Louisiana.
Louis began photographing many community and family events. In the 1920s and 1930s, he took numerous photos of school classes all over Tangipahoa Parish, as well as key events, including an Amite visit by Governor Huey P. Long.
He continued taking pictures for the Amite high school yearbook until 1971. Louis Fajoni recorded our history in the darkroom of his studio – the special moments of our lives developed with his fine focus. He did this painstakingly and patiently, leaving us with thousands of images.
A collection of his images is on exhibition at the Amite Library until the first week of August. You will be invited to share what you remember about the people and places. This information will be added to the collection.
The photos presented came from the archives at the Center for Southeast Louisiana Studies at Southeastern and from private collections.

If you have any Fajoni photographs, we would like to add copies to this collection.
Please contact Dennis Stevens, dstev67@eatel.net, 225-436-6585

Obituaries

Helen A. Thorske; 87; Ponchatoula; July 6; survived by her children, Helen "Liz" Alaniz, Ruby Darlene Fletcher (Russel), Sonny Thorske (Julie), Inger Monistere (Keith), Kenneth Thorske (Jodi), Kathy Forstall (Timothy), and Angel Klingman (Kenneth); daughter-in-law, Linda Thorske; and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Cherish Nicole Phipps; 38; July 7; survived by her fiancée, Kenneth Galladora Jr.; daughters, Maia Boudreaux, Beth Boudreaux, and Reese Galladora; brother, Robert Hill; and in-laws, Judy and Keith Kliebert and Kenneth Galladora Sr.

Francis Elaine "Lanie" Manchester King; 92; Hammond; July 7; survived by her daughter, Francis Klibert (Harold); grandchildren, Amber (Ellis), Dena (Kory), Rachelle (Kyle), Monique, Lynn III, and Andria (William); nine great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; sisters, Virginia Moorman and Laverne Mosely; and many nieces and nephews.

Nina Ploof; 68; Independence; July 8; survived by her daughter, Veronica Barrios (Layman); grandchildren, Beckham, Kayden, and Brennen Barrios (Mysti); brother, Jamie Addison; sisters, Mary Jo Balado (Vance) and Robin Guillot (Robert).

Walter Edward Alfonso; 78; Amite; July 8; survived by his daughter, Desiree Schellinger (Robert); son, Derek Alfonso; grandchildren, Aidan, Chloe, and Mason Schellinger; brothers, Glenn (Debbie) and Cornell Alfonso; sisters, Dianne Alfonso, Carmelita Abreu, Cynthia Giroir (Scott), and Darnell Alfonso Sondes.

Jules Anthony Fryoux III; 97; July 8; survived by his sister, Beverly Fryoux Jackson; ten nieces; and sixteen nephews.

Elizabeth M. Carrier; 55; Hammond; July 8; survived by her children, Mary Wheat (Anna) and Ryan Carrier (Kaitlyn); mother, Gloria Sokolis; siblings, Donna Smith (Michael) and Mark Sokolis; numerous nieces and nephews; and her two grandpuppies.

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and hedge trimmers—from the Tractor Supply Store on Highway 190 in Hammond on June 20. Authorities had previously sought the public's help in identifying the suspect, who was caught on surveillance leaving the store without paying. Sheriff Gerald Sticker thanked the community for their assistance in the case.

Tangi Library is hosting a free Health & Wellness Workshop on Thursday, July 24, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at the Hammond branch, led by Kathy Hayden, a national board-certified health and wellness coach from Butterfly Wellness. The workshop will focus on the seven dimensions of wellness, encouraging participants to embrace body, mind, and spirit to realign, refocus, and recharge. Open to the public, attendees are invited to bring a friend and register at Tangilibrary.com to jumpstart their wellness journey.

The Springfield Police Department is urging residents to use caution after a black bear was spotted within the town limits. Their Chief of Police advises the public not to approach the bear under any circumstances and to immediately report any sightings to the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. Authorities are working to ensure public safety and ask for the community's help in spreading the word to keep everyone safe.

Berry Bowl Road in Independence will be closed on Thursday, July 17, for a cross-drain project. Tangipahoa Parish President Robby Miller said parish crews will be installing a cross drain at the intersection of Berry Bowl Road and Danna Road starting at 7am on Thursday. Weather permitting, the work should be completed by approximately 1pm that day. Miller said Berry Bowl Road will be completely closed to traffic at that intersection. All traffic traveling on Berry Bowl Road will be detoured east to Highway 51, and traffic on Alessi Road/ Danna Road will be subject to intermittent delays due to flagging operations. Motorists should expect delays. For updates on road closures in Tangipahoa Parish, consult the Tangipahoa.org website and the TPG social media channels.

On the morning of July 7, 2025, Louisiana State Police Troop L responded to a fatal single-vehicle crash on LA Hwy 40 near Barker Road in St. Tammany Parish that claimed the life of 64-year-old Houston Dutruch of Greensburg. According to the preliminary investigation, Dutruch was driving a 1998 Ford F-800 truck pulling a trailer southbound when, for reasons still under investigation, the vehicle veered off the roadway, struck a culvert, and overturned onto its roof. Despite being properly restrained, Dutruch sustained fatal injuries and was pronounced dead at the scene. A routine toxicology sample was collected as part of the ongoing investigation. State Police remind drivers to avoid operating vehicles while impaired, fatigued, or distracted, and emphasize the lifesaving importance of wearing seatbelts for all vehicle occupants. Hazardous driving conditions can be reported to the Louisiana State Police by dialing *LSP (*577).

The City of Hammond announced that starting September 1, 2025, water and sewer fees will increase for the first time in eight years, and garbage fees will rise for the first time in five years. The adjustments are being made in response to rising costs associated with providing these essential services. City officials emphasized that efforts were made to keep the increases as minimal as possible. Residents are encouraged to visit the City's social media pages for detailed information, including comparisons of current and updated rates and minimum bill amounts.

The next Keep Hammond Beautiful public meeting will be held on Thursday, July 17, 2025, from 11:45am to 1:00pm in the City Council Chambers, located at 312 E. Charles Street in downtown Hammond. Community members are invited to attend and learn more about ongoing beautification efforts, upcoming projects, and opportunities to get involved in making Hammond a cleaner, greener, and more attractive place to live and work. The meeting will include updates from organizers, open discussion on new initiatives, and ways residents and local businesses can support the program's mission. Keep Hammond Beautiful encourages all those interested in enhancing the city's appearance and environmental health to participate.

Reid Road in Amite will be closed on Monday, July 14, for bridge repairs. Tangipahoa Parish President Robby Miller said parish crews will work on the old timber bridge located at the far end of Reid Road, off Old US 51, on Monday, July 14, weather permitting. Crews expect the job will take approximately six hours, and the roadway will be closed from 7am until 1pm. Detours will be posted. For updates on road closures in Tangipahoa Parish, consult the Tangipahoa.org website and the TPG social media channels.

Southeastern Louisiana University's Center for Southeast Louisiana Studies has awarded the 2025 Nicholas Cefalu Graduate Research Assistantship to Ricky J. Lips, Jr., a history graduate student from Loranger. Funded by a grant from Dr. Ann Kay Logarbo in honor of her father, longtime Louisiana legislator and businessman Nicholas Cefalu, the competitive award supports regional research and includes a benefits package worth nearly $21,000. Lips is currently studying the effects of the Civil War and Reconstruction on civilians in the Florida Parishes. Center Director Samuel Hyde praised the award as a key resource for advancing local scholarship. The annual award is open to students researching topics related to regional politics, agriculture, and business.

Looking for a fun and engaging activity to keep the kids active this summer? Hammond Area Recreation District #1 is offering a FREE Summer Skills Camp on Tuesday, July 15, at Zemurray Park in Hammond, and it's open to all children in the community. This exciting one-day event is designed to help kids stay healthy, build confidence, and develop athletic skills through a variety of games and activities in a safe, supportive environment. It's a perfect opportunity for children to make new friends, stay active, and enjoy the summer sunshine. Parents are encouraged to bring their kids out for a day of fun, fitness, and learning—don't miss this free event at one of Hammond's favorite parks!

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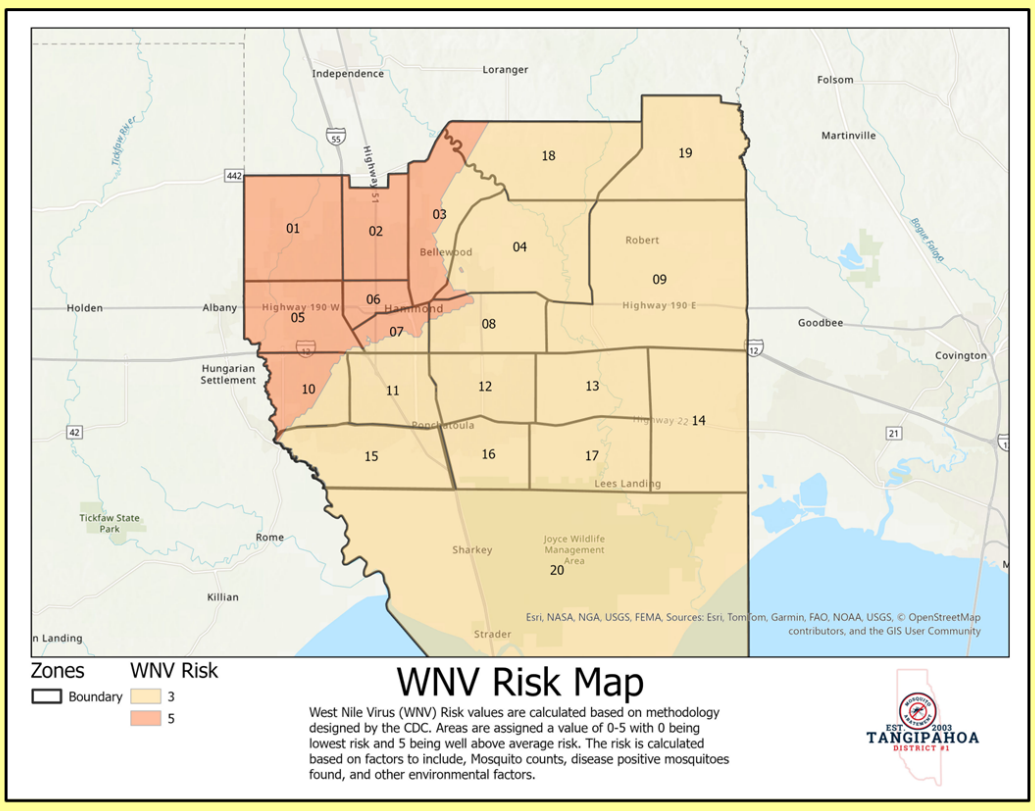

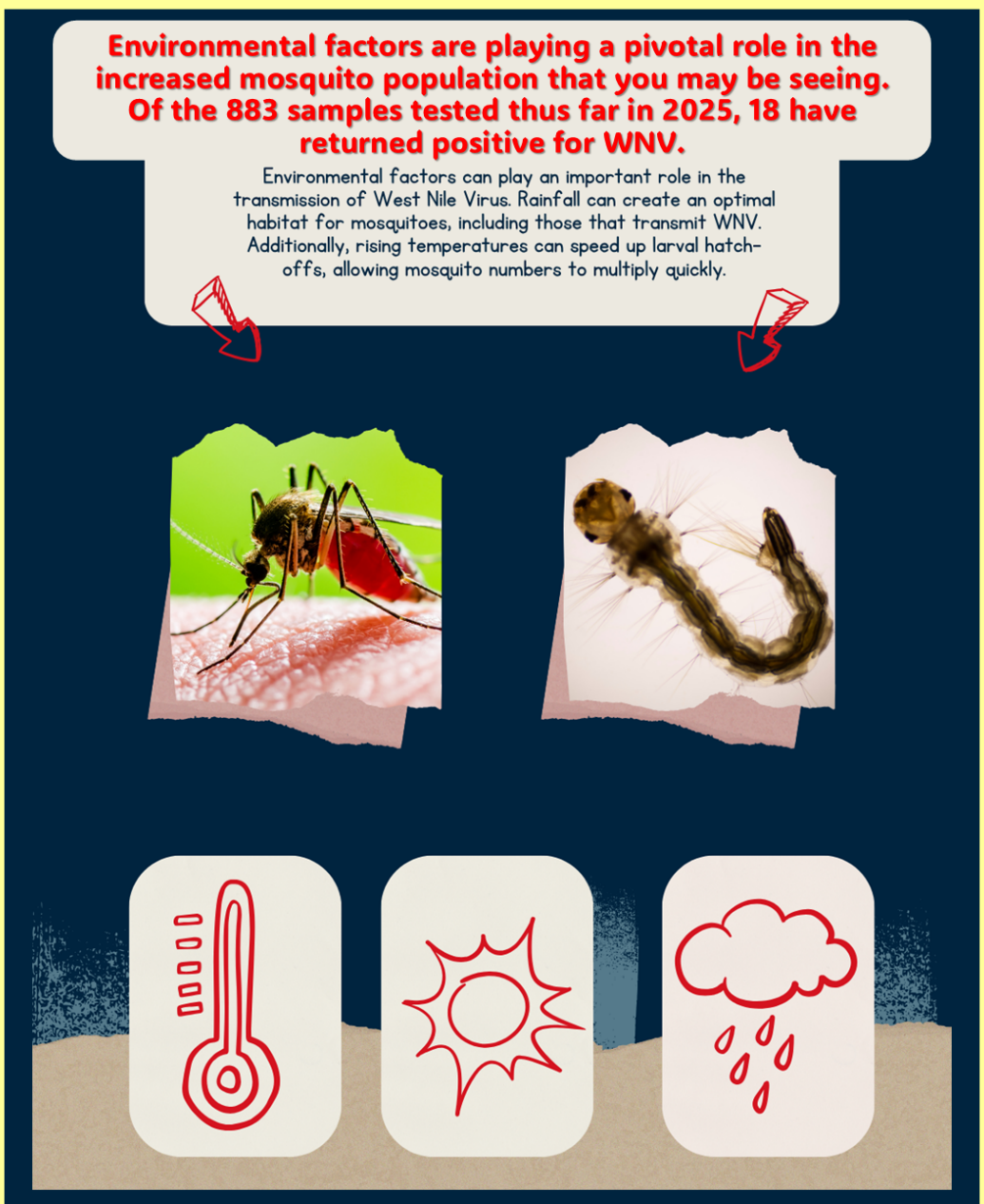
Environmental factors are playing a pivotal role in the increased mosquito population that you may be seeing. Of the 883 samples tested thus far in 2025, 18 have returned positive for WNV.
Environmental factors can play an important role in the transmission of West Nile Virus. Rainfall can create an optimal habitat for mosquitoes, including those that transmit WNV. Additionally, rising temperatures can speed up larval hatch-offs, allowing mosquito numbers to multiply quickly.

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For more information about West Nile Virus, please visit: https://www.cdc.gov/west-nile-virus/about/index.html

From Lens to Brush: The Artistic Journey of Margaret Hawkins

By Michelle Gallo

Portrait of Margaret by Rebecca Krutsinger

Painting – A View From a Bee by Margaret Hawkins

Margaret Hawkins' latest painting, A View From a Bee, has been selected for the 55th National River Road Show, a prestigious juried exhibition hosted by the Art Guild of Louisiana.

Out of 355 entries from 115 artists across 12 states, only 65 artworks were chosen — making her inclusion a significant achievement.

The exhibition will run from Monday, August 4, through Tuesday, September 23, at the Louisiana State Archives Building, located at 3851 Essen Lane in Baton Rouge. The gallery is open Monday through Friday from 8:00am to 4:30pm, excluding holidays.

A Reception and Awards Presentation will be held on Thursday, August 21, from 5:00pm to 7:00pm, with refreshments provided. All are invited to attend and celebrate Margaret's work, alongside the talents of artists from across the nation.

Born, raised, and educated in Kentucky, Margaret began her creative journey in journalism. One of her early roles was as an editor at The Ruston Daily Leader, where she was handed a camera and told to go photograph people — and that's exactly what she did.

Her passion for photography took hold after receiving her first award for a photo of her son fishing in a ditch. That moment sparked a string of additional recognitions and a lifelong love for capturing moments through the lens.

After relocating to Ponchatoula with her husband, Bill Hawkins, Margaret opened her own photography studio. For over 30 years, she became a trusted visual storyteller, documenting everything from joyful births to solemn funerals — moments that define a community's shared history.

Later in life, Margaret transitioned from the camera to the canvas. A self-taught Sumi-e artist, she began with the delicate ink wash style, progressed to watercolors and workshops, and now explores oil painting.

Her home studio overflows with expressive pieces that reflect her curiosity, growth, and artistic spirit.

Even a recent leukemia diagnosis hasn't slowed her creative drive. Margaret continues to pour her heart into her work — and the art world is taking notice.

THUNDER

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Amanda credits him as the true mastermind of the operation, the one who keeps things moving and growing.

"It means a lot to be part of something that helps other people gain confidence," Amanda said. "And to be able to do it while showing that women belong in this space just as much as anyone else – it's a great feeling."

The team itself is a fascinating mix of civilian and law enforcement riders, some from right here in Louisiana, and others from as far away as New Jersey and Kentucky. They train using advanced techniques developed with help from retired Baton Rouge motor officers and the Gulf Coast Motorcycle Institute. What was once just a quirky backyard hobby is now a respected fixture in the niche world of motorcycle skills competitions – affectionately known as "rodeos."

Amanda is one of very few women in this field, which only pushes her harder. "When people ask how I do it being so little, I tell them I had to learn differently," she explains. "I can't just muscle my way through – I use the motorcycle itself to help me."

These competitions aren't just about speed. Riders compete in a trio of events: a fast-paced speed run, a surprise challenge ride that tests real-world reflexes, and a "slow ride" that's exactly what it sounds like – controlling your bike as slowly and precisely as possible.

Amanda's specialty is the challenge ride. "I'm not always the fastest, but I'm consistent," she says. "Sometimes that wins the day."

And speaking of winning, Amanda recently beat her dad – a longtime expert-level rider – in competition for the very first time. "He said he'd never just hand me the win," she beams. "I had to earn it. And I finally did."

But Amanda's passion doesn't stop at the trophy shelf. She's actively working to share these skills with others through a side project called Creating a Competitor, where she documents her process teaching new riders – especially women – how to go from nervous beginner to confident competitor.

While she and her team continue competing and training, they also dream of hosting more events like the Gulf Coast Spring Challenge, which Amanda helped organize earlier this year. They designed the course with wide turns and mirrored patterns, making it more inviting for new riders and fun to watch for spectators.

From family bonding to national competitions, Cajun Thunder Motorsports is proving that a little concrete, a lot of cones, and a whole lot of grit can take you far – maybe even farther than you imagined on two wheels. As Amanda puts it, "I thought this kind of riding was impossible until I did it. Now I want everyone to know they can do it, too."

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Child Injured in Shots Fired Incident

From TPSO

The Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff's Office (TPSO) needs the public's help gathering information about a shots fired incident that occurred in the Fluker area overnight that injured a child sleeping inside of a home.

This morning, around 4am, 911 began receiving reports about shots fired in the 12000 block of Guiteau Mill Road. Shortly after, a mother called reporting that she had just discovered a bullet hole in an exterior wall of her home and that her 8-year-old son had been shot in the foot. The child was transported to an area hospital and is in stable condition.

This is an active investigation and detectives could use more help from the public with information circulating through the community especially regarding possible involved vehicles and/or suspects.

Sheriff Gerald Sticker encourages anyone with information about who is connected to or responsible for this incident with injury to contact the TPSO Criminal Investigations Division at 985-902-2088.

If you'd prefer to share information anonymously, you can do so through Crime Stoppers of Tangipahoa's tip line at 1-800-554-5245 or visit www.tangicrimestoppers.com and click on the P3 Tips icon or Submit A Tip!

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City Court of Hammond Wins IJIS Court Integration Excellence Award

From Team Tangi

At a time when the ability to pay has become a salient topic in U.S. justice conversations, officials with the City Court of Hammond have implemented a groundbreaking app that ensures an objective calculation for a defendant's ability to pay.

City Court Judge C. Britain Sledge, III, announced today that the City Court will receive the Integration Justice Information Systems (IJIS) Court Integration Excellence Award, presented by the National Center for State Courts, the National Association of Court Management (NACM), the Joint Technology Committee, and the Court Technology Information Officers Consortium for the implementation of The Fair Pay App, a locally developed program.

Designed and developed by City Court Administrator Dr. Tony Licciardi, The Fair Pay App is a web-based platform designed for use by clerks of court to efficiently collect and analyze a defendant's financial information for a judge to determine their ability to pay.

Sledge says the app has transformed how the local court approaches financial sentencing.

"Recent years have seen an increased emphasis from our state and national Supreme Courts on tailoring the fines and fees imposed by courts to a defendant's ability to pay. When a defendant is willing to take responsibility and be held accountable for their actions, but the financial ramifications can overwhelm them, the Fair Pay App provides a clear, objective framework for evaluating a person's ability to pay, which allows the court to uphold the law without imposing undue hardship," Sledge said.

The Judge credits Licciardi's insight and his decade of experience in developing web-based platforms in making this vision a reality.

"He has been instrumental in modernizing our administrative processes, so it was natural to ask Tony to devise a solution that would facilitate fair and transparent financial assessments for our defendants." Sledge said.

The IJIS Court Integration Excellence Award recognizes court-based technologies that bring meaningful improvements to justice administration. Presented annually at the NACM Conference, the award recognizes innovation in streamlining processes, enhancing access, and reinforcing system integrity.

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Congratulations to Thomas Fletcher for being the first to identify last week's menu from Salty Joe's in Hammond. Thomas won a $10 gift card to Pull Clip Café in Hammond!

Restaurants: to be featured in Name that Menu, email publisher@tangitimes.com.

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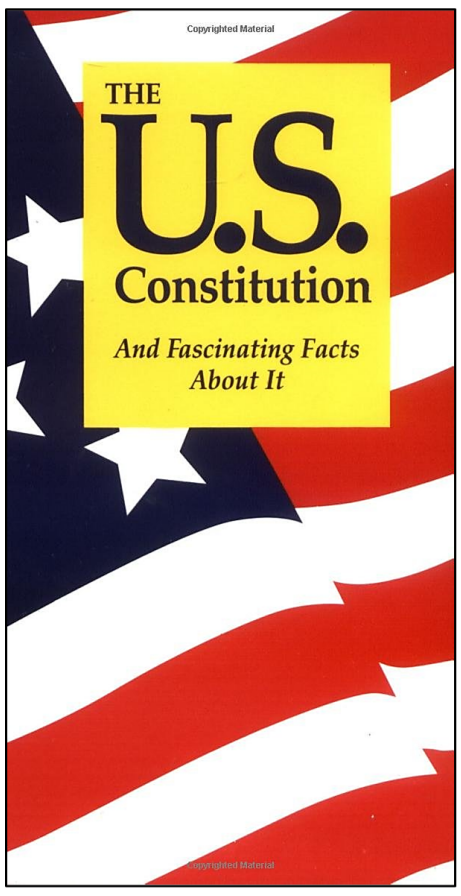

We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

The United States Constitution is composed of three main parts:

The Preamble: The first 52 words of the whole Constitution, beginning with "We the People" (see above).

The Articles: There are seven articles which make up the structural Constitution, signed on September 17, 1787, and ratified on June 21, 1788.

The Amendments: There are 27 Amendments to the Constitution. The first ten Amendments are known as the Bill of Rights, ratified on December 15, 1791.

In 1955, the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) petitioned Congress to set aside September 17-23 annually to be dedicated for the observance of Constitution Week. The resolution was later adopted by the U.S. Congress and signed into public law on August 2, 1956, by President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

The United States Constitution, America's most important document, stands as a testament to the tenacity of Americans throughout history to maintain their liberties, freedoms, and inalienable rights. Under constant attack by those who want to change America from the most liberated and most prosperous nation in the world to more closely resemble the oppressed civilizations that our forefathers fought to escape three centuries ago, the U.S. Constitution needs to be protected now, possibly more than ever. Constitution Week is celebrated annually by patriotic Americans to commemorate its history and importance and to raise attention to the criticality that it be preserved and vigorously defended.

In honor of our nation's sacred Constitution and the spirit of true American patriotism, free copies of The U.S. Constitution and Fascinating Facts About It are available during Constitution Week and thereafter at The Tangi Times News Headquarters at 1579 Hwy 51 in Ponchatoula. To claim your copy, call 985-467-0096 or send an email to publisher@tangitimes.com.

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Note: spelling in parts of this article reflect spelling used in the original Constitution of the United States of America (source – National Archives).

OXYMORON du jour

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